

B.A.R.G. NEWS

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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 28th MARCH

FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the last Committee meeting on Wednesday 19 March 03 it was resolved to invite Ian Lloyd (VK3HFK) to rejoin and John Kennedy (VK3AIG) to join the Committee.

John has indicated that he would be prepared to act as assistant secretary. Members would be aware that John has acted as "minute Secretary" at the last two Club meetings. The Committee hope that they will enjoy their time on the Committee.

NEWS LETTER

As members will be aware, there was ~~no news letter last month~~. For this we apologise. This month is the first attempt to send the news letter by e-mail to those who have registered, so we have tried to keep it simple and reduce the size of the file for transmission. You will be aware that the news letter makes quite a proportion of the running costs of the club and the committee has been looking how we can reduce these costs.

The Club is aware that the news letter is a most important part of club communications. At times it has been suggested that it be dropped, only sent out be-monthly, or even quaterly. The club has rejected these suggestions and we will try to maintain it, possibly in a modified form. Norm VK3LBA has been our news editor for some years, and under his editorship has developed the Club logo's and other illustrations. So here goes!

CONSTRUCTION NIGHTS

Last Monday, we had our first construction night for a number of years. Under the leadership of Ian VK3 AXH, five club members started to construct a RF attenuator which is the lead upto fox hunting. The session lasted about two hours during which we managed to get much of the body soldered. The evening was a lot of fun and comradeship and we will continue the project next month. Other members of the club are invited to join us.

CLUB ACTIVITIES.

A Club is for enjoyment by its members, and club activities are an important part. There is more than club meetings, but we must try to expand our activities.

I realize that demands on our time appear to be coming greater but we must try.

We missed out on the John Moyle field day contest. In past years these have been great fun with a group "going bush" for a weekend and testing setting up in the field and having a great deal of fun at the same time.

I would like the Club to come up with ideas and/or projects we should get under way.

Resumption of fox hunting is hoped to get under way as soon as the attenuator project is finished. Teams are required (usually of two) in our case because we do not have all the "super equipment" we have seen some of the other clubs use. The personal skills required may only be: able to drive a cay, rotate a beam and read an meter; or make guesses of fox locations.

Please give some thought to bring to the club meeting
Gordon VK3FGC

BALLARAT AMATEUR RADIO GROUP Inc.
Minutes of Club Meeting 28 Feb 2003

Meeting opened at 2008 by President Gordon VK3FGC

Apologies: VK3DMK; ADB; CFH

Visitors: VK3 NVB; PAL; MLZ (New Member)

Minutes: Moved- VK3VBA/HRZ That the minutes as circulated be accepted

CARRIED

Correspondence: In News letter "The Propagator"

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A number of Annex 1 forms

City of Ballarat - Receipt

Post Office- A/C for Post Box

Out Nil

Reports

Financial: Payments City Council Rent \$150

General A/c Bal. \$4205.36

Convention A/c Bal \$2373.96

Moved Bob VK3BNC/Charlie VK3DCS That; The financial statement be received and accounts passed for payment.

CARRIED

Technical: Ian AXH; All OK

Club Net: still going well.

Western Zone: Going well

Publicity: Doug VBA Reported on a quick history of the Club Awards and the further work with the committee.

WICEN: Now stood down after the fires.

General Business:

Attenuator project; Ian AXH asked if there were any more starters, 6 members so far, start Monday night 17 Mar at 2000. Costs estimated less than \$22.00

WICEN Sunday 27 Apr.03 Mars challenge-operators required. Contact Gordon FGC
Oxfam walk. On 456 Apr 03 and operators required See Gordon

Tabled: A brochure from a group " Amateur Radio Interest Group"

Friday Night Group Next meeting at Black Hill Hotel Friday 21 March 2003

Moved PAL/AXH That "A letter be sent to WIA Vic indicating our concern re, amateur tower permits and our support of WIA actions."

CARRIED

News Letter: Still looking for a new editor. The committee to form a sub-committee.

Meeting Closed 2055.

Gordon Cornell VK3FGC